E. Berliner to address students

by Beth White

Eberhard Dressler, an East German native, who has lived in East Berlin for the past 50 years, will share his experiences and insights in an open, informal session on Friday, April 27, at 5 p.m. in the Jansen Music Hall.

Gail Naughton, director of public relations at Clarke said the reason for the informal session is to make Dressler a little more comfortable and that it will also give the public a better chance to talk with him personally.

Dressler will speak on issues concerning the conditions of Berlin and what it was like to be held prisoner for the past 28 years.

He lives only 200 meters from the Berlin Wall. His apartment is a four-room flat that rents for approximately $5.60 per month. "My electric bill is subsidized by the State. It costs only $1 a month, which is not good because many people waste electricity," Dressler said. "Of course, not everything is cheap in the country. A television costs $10,000 and a two-cylinder car, which costs about $100,000 takes 15 years to obtain.

"We can listen and learn from his experiences."

Before the wall came down, the laws in East Berlin were very strict. For example, Dressler himself was denied permission to study on the college level because he was known for questioning the ideology of the government. After many months of sending letters to East German President Walter Ulbrect, he was eventually allowed to attend a university to study Russian, but not without first signing a letter of allegiance to the Communist government. By learning the Russian language, Dressler was able to make his living as a translator. He also learned English by listening to BBC radio. After the wall was opened, Dressler spoke to a Westerner for the first time in 18 years.

Dressler's visit to the United States was made possible by his newest friend, Dan McFarland, a farmer, from Fredericksburg, Iowa. The men met in a train depot last December, in East Germany, when McFarland was waiting for a train to take him and a friend to the border of East Berlin. While in the depot, Dressler saw the two men and asked if they needed a place to stay. He told them he had a flat located close to the Berlin Wall where they could stay. By accepting his hospitality, the men were able to gain more knowledge about East Berlin than if they had gone with a tour guide.

Before going to his flat, they had to cross the border. It took many hours to walk through the checkpoints because the guards checked and rechecked photo passports five or six times. The guards wanted to make sure that no one entered the country with a fake passport.

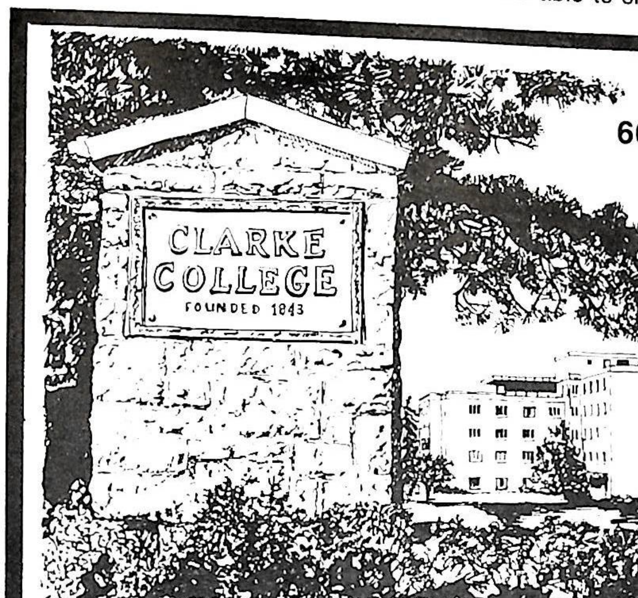
During their stay the men toured East Berlin without any trouble, since they were accompanied by Dressler. They saw museums, architecture of Hitler's Third Reich and their final destination, the Brandenburg Gate, where thousands of people had gathered to help tear down the wall, opening the gate to freedom.

McFarland said when they reached the gate, they took out their tools and began to chip away like thousands of others. By the end of the evening, he said there were at least 50 pounds of cement on the ground. Afterwards, the three men celebrated the New Year in Dressler's flat, drinking Russian wine. "We were happy to be able to share Dressler's freedom."

Early New Year's day McFarland and his friend left for the United States. Crossing the border was much easier this time, he said. "But the quiet loneliness in Dressler's eyes was apparent as he waved our train good-bye."

Once McFarland returned home, he began saving money to buy Dressler his first ticket to the U.S. "We hope that when he visits us in April we will be able to show him as much kindness in our country as he showed us in his," he said.

Naughton said, "I think it is a unique opportunity for students as well as the public to meet someone who has lived in that kind of environment and traveled throughout the Eastern Block countries. We can listen and learn from his experiences. It will be interesting to find out what it is like for Dressler to be able to travel freely to another country after being held captive for 28 years."



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Graduation activites begin with Awards Banquet

by Dorothy Wendel

Once again, graduation is quickly approaching, and with it brings thoughts of and plans for the slide show, the annual Honors Banquet and the Senior Show.

These events will be held on Friday, May 4, starting with the slide show in the Jansen Music Hall at 5:15 p.m. This first slide show is for seniors, faculty and staff members that want to attend.

In keeping with the established tradition, this show is done by the junior class as a gift to the seniors. Patti Hunter, director of residence life, said Tricia Gloeckler, junior class president; and Mark Colbert, junior class vice president; are in charge of getting the show together. They have had pictures submitted to them since October, and have been busy since then getting those pictures made into slides.

The computerized show, which will be set to music and will last about 30 minutes. It will consist of slides and clips that portray what the seniors have done throughout their college careers.

The slide show will be given for everyone on Tuesday, May 8, at 9:30 p.m., and again on Friday, May 11, in conjunction with the senior show.

Following the slide show, the annual Honors Banquet will be held in the student dining room at 6 p.m. The banquet is free to all full-time students; there will be a fee for part-time students. Faculty, staff and spouses are invited to attend.

Awards for graduate studies will be announced, as will names of students receiving summer research internships.

There will be numerous special field awards presented, some of which are: The Business Award of Excellence for the senior business major; the Marse Meis Fitzgerald Award for Communication, awarded to a student selected by the president of the college, the chairman of the communications department and the president of the Clarke Student Association; and the Cycare Computer Science Scholarships awarded to sophomores that have strong potential in programming.

At the end of the awards presentation there will be a torch passing ceremony. The present CSA officers will pass lighted candles to the new officers. This ceremony has been tradition at Clarke since 1935.

Following the torch passing ceremony the seniors will present the annual senior show.

Chrissy Sadowski, senior class president, said that plans are progressing and the theme is looking to be "Back from the Future." S. Diana Malone has been assisting with the preparation of the show, which promises to be very interesting. The show will consist of seniors performing a "remember when" skit, looking back at each year of their college life.

Sadowski said there has been a lot of interest expressed in this show and that she is happy with the involvement. She said that a special effort has been made to include non-traditional age students, and some of them have now shown an interest in participating.

The senior show will presented again on Friday, May 11, at 8:00 p.m.

Graduation Week begins

Programs celebrate year's end

by Anne Marie Forlini

As the school year closes, Clarke will end the semester with its annual College Week, April 29 to May 5.

On Sunday, April 29, the installation of the Clarke Student Association officers for the 1990-91 school year will take place during the 11 a.m. liturgy in Sacred Heart Chapel. At 4 p.m. a nurse pinning ceremony will take place in the Chapel.

A croquet garden-party will be held at 4 p.m. near the soccer field on Monday, April 30. All participants will receive free ice cream.

Tuesday, May 1 the women's softball team will play against Upper Iowa at the Senior High School softball field.

The Strategic Air Command Concert Band, from the U.S. Air Force, will perform May 1 at 7 p.m. in Terence Donoghoe Hall. Twenty free tickets are available in student development.

Course 9:20 will be the Senior Farewell in the Jansen Music Hall. This event is sponsored by the junior class and includes skits about the senior class.

On May 2, the annual tree planting ceremony, carnival and picnic will be held. All events will take place behind the Student Union.

Clarke's annual Honors Banquet will be Friday, May 4. Class reception will begin at 4:30 p.m. Locations will be announced later. The dinner banquet will begin at 6 p.m. in Clarke Square.

At 5:15 p.m. the Senior Slide Show will be shown for seniors, faculty and staff only in the Jansen Music Hall.

The Senior Show will begin after the honors banquet in the music hall. The senior class will perform skits spoofing their four years of school at Clarke.

The week of activities will conclude with beach volleyball behind Mary Josita Hall on Saturday, May 5.

The final Course 9:20 will be Tuesday, May 7 in the music hall. The Senior Slide Show will be presented for all the students.

From left, S. Margerite Newman, S. Catherine Dunn, Joan Havlovic, S. Kathy Carr, S. Eugenia Sullivan, S. Pat Nolan, S. Angela Buser, S. Barbara Kutchera, Francine Banwarth and S. Carol Speigel plant a tree Tuesday commemorating Earth Day. *(photo by Vanessa Van Fleet)*

Opinion

Opinion
'Geek of the Week'

by Andrea Rafoth

Maybe you can help me out with something. You see, I have this friend who is having personal problems.

Now, I know, when I say, "I have this friend," you all think, "Yeah, sure." But trust me, that's not the case.

Anyway, my friend, Leatha Wania is having problems with her dad, "Red" Kremlin. You may remember him. He's a body builder from way back and has been known to flex his muscles from time to time. He won a competition in Prague in 1968, but in recent years, the old man has mellowed, or so Leatha thought.

I was with her the last time she talked to her dad. It was not a pleasant situation.

"So you want independence?"

"Oh, yes, in the fiercest possible way. I'm no longer a child. And I've obeyed you since..."

"1940, that's when I took you in."

"Yes, but don't you see, I'm ready to try my wings?"

"So this is the thanks I get? After all I've done for you?"

"But I feel stifled here. I need my freedom."

"Look Leatha, I will not stand for this. I've spent a lot of time, money and effort to build you into the woman you are today."

"I don't mean to be ungrateful, but we're not joined at the hip. I never asked for all those things. You just took over in 1940."

"You needed my guidance."

"But isn't independence the final goal of guidance?"

"You're grounded! Let's just see how far you get with no roof over your head, no gas for your car and no allowance."

"You can't build a wall around me."

"It's been done before."

"I can hold out 100 years not having all of those things."

"We will see how long you'll last without my aid."

Poor "Red," he's forgotten the first rule of parenthood. He doesn't know how to hold close with an open hand.

I think it is because of my fierce love of independence that I give "Red" Kremlin this "Geek of the Week" award.

Letters to the editor

Dear Editor:

The only good thing that I can say about the article written about the intramural program was that all the words were spelled correctly. Did it ever occur to the reporter to ask anyone who worked in intramurals about intramurals? Actually it would have been a big step if he had asked people who actually participated in intramurals. The article was very one-sided and very subjective.

One person interviewed criticized the program because there are too many rules and regulations. Ask anyone who participated in the co-ed five on five basketball program what it was like after the varsity players decided to join. The teams were so unfair that it was more like watching a varsity practice than students participating in a non collegiate sport. The floor hockey program was less structured because the participants had a better sense of fair play.

Another question was raised about the time when intramural programs usually ran. The time is usually 8 p.m. to 10 p.m. This time is the most practical and convenient time because, before 8 p.m., Clarke's varsity sports players practice until 10 p.m., so there is time for people to go out or to study.

It is true that Clarke's intramural program isn't very large, but it's certainly not because of lack of advertising. There are signs posted in obvious places and let us not forget the flyers sent to everyone in their mail boxes.

If an article is to be written about the intramural program there should be at least some involvement with the peole who run intramurals. Nobody within the intramural department was asked to contribute anything to the article. Only asking certain people, half were basketball players, to give quotes about intramurals, whether they actually participated or not, didn't matter. Just to have quotes is not good reporting. There are a lot of people who work hard in the intramural department who would have been more than happy to contribute to the article.

Thank you.

Teresa Murphy
Student Co-Director of Intramurals

Dear Friends,

It is with a grateful heart that I announce to you that our Quito Auction, plus many monetary donations, will enrich The Working Boys' Center in Quito by over $3,000, when all I.O.U.'s are paid.

Thanks to everyone who helped us in so many ways. I wish to especially thank Patti Hunter and Cheryl Marro for the use of all their organizational skills.

I hope you can get lots of help from you next year to carry on the tradition of the Clarke community, helping the former Clarke graduates and staff with their missionary endeavors in Quito.

Gratefully
Katherine Ann Beckman, BVM

Commentary
Our earth is fragile

by David Zirtzman

An oil spill off the coast of Alaska, a hole in the ozone layer that is getting larger and larger, toxic wastes being dumped in our oceans—these are all big issues that need to be addressed. They are major problems that involve humans, wildlife and most of all, the environment.

But when we really get down to facts, these are only small elements in the battle to save our planet. The real difference has to be made by people; you and me.

Stop and consider a lot of people, men and women alike, who use products that are packaged in aerosol containers. These are items like hair spray, deodorant, disinfectants and lubricants. Most of these items contain chemicals that harm the ozone layer. The list is almost never ending: air fresheners, some forms of cooking oils. All of these are harmful.

"But I don't use enough of them to really make a difference." That is the common reply. Stop and think of all the people that inhabit this planet and if each one of those people use one or more of these products a day, that would make a difference.

The packages these products come in also can cause a major problem. The most common container for any aerosol product is made out of metal, which is not biodegradable. The container is thrown away, taken to a landfill and buried; it will more than likely lay under the ground for years. When it finally does rust through, whatever remains in the can escapes into the ground. After a time these left over chemicals can cause damage to the soil itself. Aerosol containers are not the only hazards that face the environment.

One of the major problems is that many of the world's trees have been and still are being systematically destroyed in the name of progress. Forests are being destroyed by loggers in search of lumber, to clear areas for further expansion of cities and by farmers who are looking to turn more land into areas of production.

Worst of all, these trees are being cut to the ground, many times to just be left to rot with no young saplings planted to replace them. Here in Iowa, as well as in most agricultural states, this is common practice. We see it all the time and probably think nothing of it because only relatively small areas are leveled.

But here again, multiply it by thousands of people leveling patches of timber and you would not be able to perceive the destruction caused. In South America, whole rain forests are being destroyed all in the name of progress.

How about the cars we drive? Are they fuel efficient?

It is said that if you took all the cars in the world and placed them end to end, they would reach to the moon and back again and probably then some. For these cars to operate, they must run on or use some form of fossil fuel, mainly gas and oil.

We also use fossil fuels to heat our homes and in some cases to provide electricity.

The more fuel we waste, the less chance we have of our grandchildren and maybe our children being able to enjoy the conveniences we take for granted.

What is all this leading up to? On April 22 we celebrated Earth Day, a day set aside for everyone to stop and think about what they can do personally to help fight pollution in our air, in our waters, and on our land and to try to develop ways of conserving the energy that makes life a little easier for everyone.

Earth Day is a great day to encourage everyone to do something to conserve our environment, but why stop there?

Conservation is a 365-day-a-year problem and if everyone would do something to aid in protecting this world every day, maybe, just maybe, generations to come will be able to say thanks for a great world to live in.

Brain Burner

Two students were discussing their teacher's age. One student said, "He is very old, isn't he?" The other student said, "Not really. When he is as old as I will be ten years before I'm twice as old as he is now, he will be forty years older than I was when I was a third his present age."

How old is he?

This is the final Brain Burner, submit your name, phone number, work and answer to the puzzle answer to: Math Club, Box 1125, by Friday, May 4.

All American

The *Clarke Courier* has won its second consecutive All-American rating from the National Scholastic Press Association and the Associated Collegiate Press for the first semester of the 89-90 school year.

The paper received a top rating in all five areas for which it was judged: coverage and content, writing and editing, opinion content, design and in photography and graphics.

Bill Seymour, a judge for the University of Minnesota-based competition said, "Overall I liked the paper. It has flair, style and substance. The writing is lively and often reaches beyond the surface. That is good."

The editor for the fall semester was Nancy Fox; the assistant editor was Connie Balius-Haakinson.

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Announcements, Briefs, & Coming Events

The Clarke College drama department will present *The Elephant Man*, by Bernard Pomerance, April 27-29 in Terence Donaghoe Hall Theater at 8 p.m.

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The senior art major exhibit will open today in Quigley Gallery 1550. A reception will be held Sunday, April 29 from 2-4 p.m.

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The Dubuque Youth Symphony will have its annual Spring Concert, Sunday, May 6, at 7 p.m., in the Jansen Music Hall. Tickets are available at the door.

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Graduating nursing majors will have a Mass Sunday, April 29, at 4:30 p.m. in the Sacred Heart Chapel. A dinner and ceremony will follow at 5:30 p.m.

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Residence halls close for all students not participating in graduation activities on Friday, May 11 at noon. The dorms will close to all students participating in graduation on Sunday.

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A reminder that the Baccalaureate Mass will be Saturday, May 12 at 10 a.m. in St. Rapheal's Cathedral.

Commencement ceremonies will be held at 3 p.m. in the Atrium Plaza. The rain sight will be at Five Flags Center.

The graduation dance will begin at 9 p.m. at the Fairgrounds.

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A reminder that reservation forms for the Honors Banquet on May 4 are due today in the student affairs office.

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A yard sale will be held Saturday, April 28 from 9 a.m. to 4 p.m. outside Mary Fran.

Feature

Alumni scholarships

Seniors pledge funds

By Christen Sadowski

The school year is quickly approaching the end of an era for the senior class. Yet, the class of 1990 is still working to make Clarke College better and more affordable for current and future students.

The class is striving to reinstate a tradition that has fallen by the wayside—the senior-class gift. On May 4, at the annual Honors Banquet, the class will present its contibution to the Alumni Scholarship Fund.

Funds pledged will serve as an investment in the future of other Clarke students. It will give students in need the opportunity to attend college.

In the past few years, the class gift has been the presentation of the remainder of the class budget. Unfortunately, budgeting has been so accurate that available funds were minimal by the close of the school year. Therefore, the idea of making a formal contribution to other students was initiated to serve as a challenge for future graduating classes.

Organization of the class gift was instigated by a Senior Class Gift Committee under the supervision of Alumni Director Margaret Kolck. Committee members include: Chrissy Sadowski, Bryan Brueck, Anita Kline, Mike Vittetoe, Anne Heinz, Kevin McDonald, Molly Menke and Frank Lammer.

The group drafted a letter to all of the graduating seniors asking them to pledge as much as possible to assist the cause. Pledges made will be honored over the next three years.

"Members of the senior class approached me with the idea of doing something. It was great to see that they showed an interest in starting something like this," Kolck said.

Kolck was interested in starting a program such as this and suggested it to the class of 1990 because she feels it is one of the more cohesive classes. "From the very beginning it was obvious that the group was very close," she said. "They will serve as great role models for the future."

Kolck attributes the cohesiveness to a sense of unity due to the development and completion of the new college replacement facilities during its freshmen year. "The classes during the fire and reconstruction were unsettled. Students were disrupted by the inconveniences," she said. The class of 1990 is the first class to experience the full four years with the new facilities.

Supporting other students is not the only advantage to this program. The alumni office hopes to keep contact with members of this class and others to come.

"College is an extended family and you don't just cut yourself off from your family when you leave," Kolck said.

Unfortunately, the correspondence of many recent alums has diminished, which makes it difficult for the office to carry out present and future plans such as networking, recruiting prospective students and providing assistance in alumni-contacted, career planning services.

Although the future of many of the graduating seniors is uncertain, there is one thing they are assured of—the contribution to the future of another in need.

Kurt Wendel smiles as he crosses the finish line, while Kim Kruse follows close behind at the intramurals fitness run Tuesday. *(photo by Anne Marie Forlini)*

'The Elephant Man' opens tonight at 8 p.m. in TDH

by Julie Klein

The Clarke drama department will present *The Elephant Man* April 26-29 at 8 p.m. in Terence Donaghoe Hall.

The play centers around the adult life of John Merrick, an Englishman, and his association with Frederick Treves. Merrick is portrayed by Mark Colbert and Treves by Jason Oates.

Beth Leonard, director of the play, told the cast at its very first meeting that performing this play would not be easy.

"This is an actor's play because it is so challenging. The production values are very important and add dimension to the piece," she said.

The set is universal, meaning that it serves the purpose of showing different locations. Also, all of the actors had to work on British dialect."

Lisa Lenstra, who portrays three different roles, Miss Sandwich, the Princess and a Sideshow Freak, agrees that the play is difficult.

"It's a challenge for everyone. We have to rely on imagination because there's so much for us to do."

Leonard said that with the exception of the actors playing Merrick and Treves, almost every actor plays multiple roles, adding to the challenge.

Other cast members include: Jim Davis as Carr Gomm, and the Belgian Policeman; Molly Huerta as Mrs. Ross; Lisa Blouin as Mrs. Kendall; Kathy Otting, Snork, Countess and Sideshow Person; Tina White as the Duchess and Porter; Paul Huck as the Conductor and Voice in the Crowd; and Victor Stribling as the English Policeman.

Leonard said that once the actors knew their characters' makeup, she let cast members portray them the way each performer thought was best.

"When we first got together, I knew more about the play than they did. But as time went on, I watched their choices in portraying the character and the actors knew more about their characters than I did. I had to trust their choices."

Colbert began his preparation by viewing slides of Merrick himself.

"Although Merrick's face was his most startling feature, the playwright, Bernard Pomerance, made it clear that elaborate face make-up not be used," Leonard said.

For the most part, the actors themselves are excited about the performance. "I'm really looking forward to this," said Huerta. "We will definitely be ready."

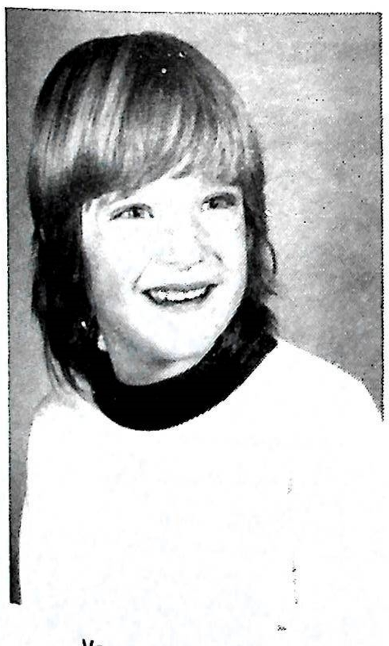
Lenstra believes that the audiences will be entertained, but that they will also experience different emotions.

"Some people will be angry and others will be sad, because it's a very moving play. My particular characters are very insensitive to the lower classes and their situation. I want people to know that there are some comic elements, as well."

Colbert said he has learned many things in portraying Merrick. "I have realized the price Merrick had to pay for being different. No matter how much he tried to be like other people, he couldn't, even though people tried to change him. It was something he had to live with for the rest of his life."

Leonard said that she has been fortunate to work with a group of dedicated individuals. "I don't know if this play could have worked without the commitment and talent of this group. I have worked with a lot of professional groups, and I think Clarke is lucky to have a hard-working drama department. I appreciate their commitment and their discipline."

Baby-photos



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Sports

Hard study becomes a way of life

by Wayne Glenn

So many times college athletes are only recognized for the great things they have accomplished in a particular sport. Not often are they recognized for what they did not do athletically, but for what they did academically. Because of this and all the stigmas put on college athletes, people sometimes forget that the athletes are also students. Sometimes even the athletes themselves realize the real reason they stepped onto the college campus.

Clarke students Byron Thompson, Bellwood, Ill., and Marcus Taggart, of Maywood, Ill., are two athletes glad that they have learned that behind every athlete there must be an education.

The two freshmen met in their first year of high school, where they both attended St. Joseph's in Westchester, Ill. "We went to a basketball camp together during our freshmen year at St. Joseph's," said Taggart, "from then on we have been best friends."

After playing four years of high school basketball together, the twosome decided to attend the same college so they could continue their backcourt partnership. That was when they narrowed their decision down to Clarke.

"We wanted to go to a college where we could continue our basketball careers and also play together," said Thompson. "We decided that we could accomplish both our goals at Clarke. So we packed our bags and headed for Dubuque, Iowa."

When Thompson and Taggart arrived at Clarke they found out they were both academically ineligible. The two would have to sit out their whole freshmen year athletically. The news hit hard when both heard about their athletic status.

"I can't even explain how disappointing it was to find out that we were not going to be able to play ball," said Taggart. "It may have been one of the hardest things I have had to deal with. But we knew it was our own fault that we were in that position and we had to deal with it."

"I have to admit that I was mad at first because I wanted to play basketball at this level so badly, but all of a sudden I have to wait another year and watch games I should be playing in," said Thompson. "The hardest part was to realize that I couldn't do anything about it."

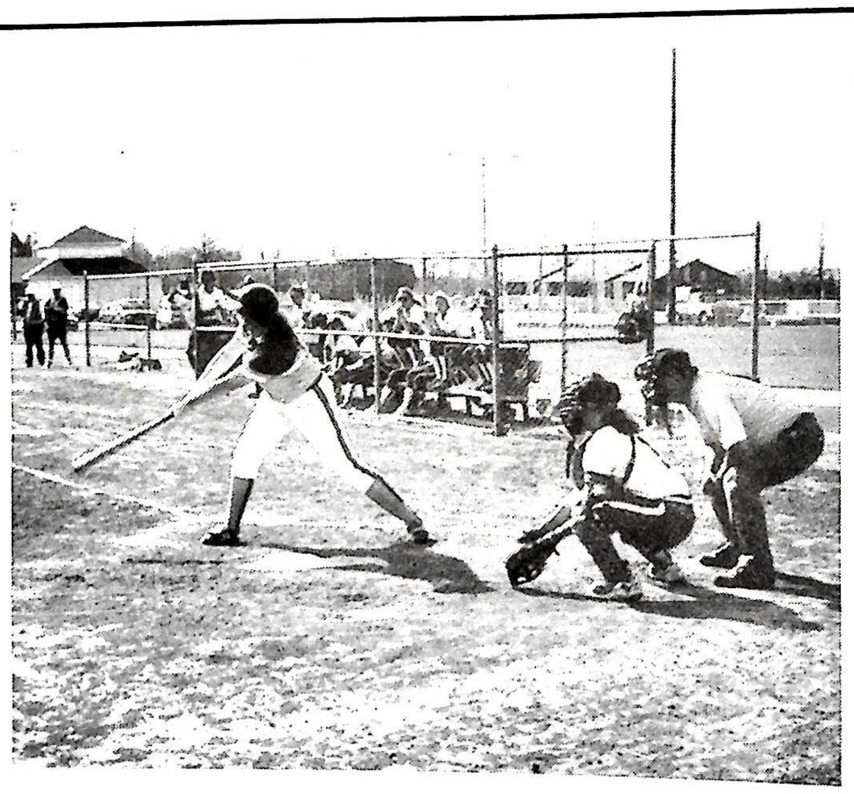
The two found out that they may have not been able to do anything about the present season, but they could do plenty about the future ahead of them. Instead of being a twosome helping each other out on the basketball court, they learned how to team up and help each other academically. It began to dawn on them that they were at Clarke for an education first and basketball second.

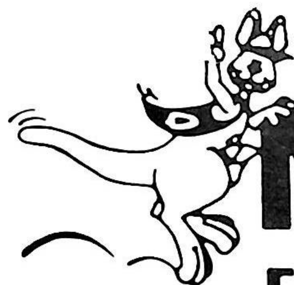
"At first we were just studying in order to raise our grades so that we could play basketball next semester," said Thompson. "But from our new experiences and talking to other athletes that had already been were we were, our priorities straightened out. We realize we shouldn't study just to play basketball, but to be successful after our basketball days are over. We have learned that there is a side of life other than sports."

Thompson and Taggart both learned a valuable lesson. Hopefully other student athletes their age will learn the same lesson before they are restricted from participating in the sport they love. Although there have been many outstanding individual accomplishments this year at Clarke, Thompson, Taggart and others like them should be recognized by the Clarke community as its true athletes of the year.

"In our first year at Clarke we have learned one of the most important things in our lives: that an education should be number one at this stage of our lives," said Taggart.

Marcus Taggart (l) and Byron Thompson realize the importance of putting education first, athletics second. *(photo by Vanessa Van Fleet)*


Joan Crock hits the ball during the Clarke girls' softball game with UW-Platteville Tuesday at Platteville. *(photo by Vanessa Van Fleet)*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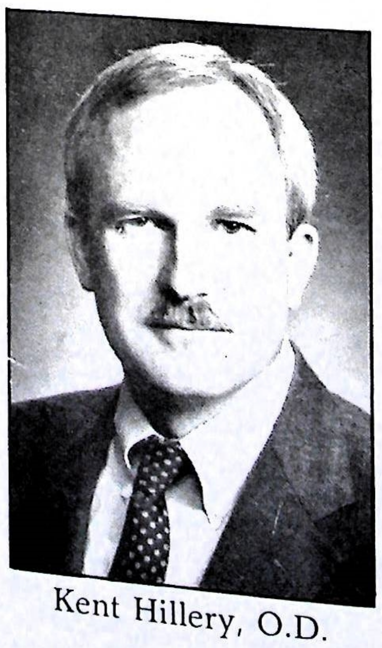
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- Same Day Replacements
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